

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) with the following rewritten version:

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~~Warning System and Method of Providing a Warning~~

A warning system has ~~for providing a warning indication to a vehicle driver includes~~ a power position detection device means (20) ~~for detecting a vehicle power position~~, a gear shift position detection device means (60, 61) ~~for detecting a vehicle gear shift position~~, an alighting detection device means (20) ~~for detecting the driver's preparations for alighting from the vehicle~~, and a power position warning device means (20) ~~for outputting a power position warning indication~~. The device is operable to provide the power position warning indication when the power position detection device means (20), the gear shift position detection device means (60, 61) and the alighting detection device means (20) detect that there are preparations for alighting, that the gear shift position is in a P (Park) range and that the power position is in a position other than showing IGNITION OFF. In another aspect, the invention provides a gear shift position warning device means (20) ~~for outputting a gear shift position warning indication of forgetting to return to a gear shift position in a P (Park) range when the engine is stopped, based on the results of detection by the power position detection means (20) and the gear shift position detection means (60, 61)~~. The power position warning device means (20) outputs a power position warning indication when the gear shift position detection device means detects that the gear shift position has moved to the P (~~Park~~) range during output of the gear shift position warning indication.

~~{Figure 1}~~